### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

BRUCE WHITE, on Behalf of Himself and All Others Similarly Situated.,

Plaintiffs, CASE NO. 1:11-CV-2615

vs.

CRST, INC.,

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE JAMES S. GWIN

Defendant.

# PLAINTIFF BRUCE WHITE RESPONSES TO CRST'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES

Plaintiff, Bruce White, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby responds to Defendant CRST, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories as follows:

#### Interrogatories

1. Please identify all of your residential addresses from 1992 through the present and the dates of your occupancy for each.

Response: Objection. White seeks only statutory damages on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated based upon CRST's violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. White's 20-year residential address history is overly broad and not likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence pertaining to neither White's claims nor CRST's defenses. Subject to the objection, to the best of his recollection, White resided at the following addresses during the stated periods:

320 S. Garnett Road Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128 March 2009 – Present



1627 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74120 March 1999 – March 2009

2. Identify by name, address, and any other identifying information in your possession, custody, or control, all persons who you contend constitute members of the "Class" as alluded to in Paragraph 22 of the Complaint.

Response: The identity of such putative class members is unknown at this time. White anticipates discovering the identity of such individuals based upon documents to be provided by CRST and HireRight Solutions, Inc., and will supplement his response accordingly.

3. Identify by name, address, and any other identifying information in your possession, custody, or control, all persons who you contend constitute members of the "sub-class" as alluded to in Paragraph 23.a. of the Complaint.

Response: The identity of such putative class members is unknown at this time. White anticipates discovering the identity of such individuals based upon documents to be provided by CRST and HireRight Solutions, Inc., and will supplement his response accordingly.

4. Identify by name, address, and any other identifying information in your possession, custody, or control, all persons who you contend constitute members of the "sub-class" as alluded to in Paragraph 23.b. of the Complaint.

Response: The identity of such putative class members is unknown at this time. White anticipates discovering the identity of such individuals based upon documents to be

provided by CRST and HireRight Solutions, Inc., and will supplement his response accordingly.

5. Identify by name, address, and any other identifying information in your possession, custody, or control, all persons who you contend constitute members of the "sub-class" as alluded to in Paragraph 23.c. of the Complaint.

Response: The identity of such putative class members is unknown at this time. White anticipates discovering the identity of such individuals based upon documents to be provided by CRST and HireRight Solutions, Inc., and will supplement his response accordingly.

6. Identify all persons whom you contend have knowledge supporting the allegations embodied in Count One of your Complaint, and for each person so identified, describe generally the substance of the knowledge you attribute to them.

Response: White identifies the following individuals in response to this interrogatory:

Bruce White 320 South Garnett Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128

> Mr. White has information regarding the facts alleged in his Complaint, including the contents of the application, contents of the consumer report at issue and inaccuracies contained therein, and the effect that the inaccurate report had on his ability to obtain employment with CRST, Inc.

CRST, Inc. representatives 3930 16th Avenue SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

> CRST representatives have information regarding the contents of CRST job applications, including but not limited to information about

purported disclosures to job applicants that a consumer report will be obtained for employment purposes in its applications.

Brooke Willey Vice President, Human Resources CRST, Inc.
3930 16th Avenue SW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

 Ms. Willey has knowledge of CRST's use of consumer reports to make employment decisions, CRST's purported disclosures to job applicants that a consumer report would be obtained for employment purposes.

Ron Corbett Mayor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa CRST Vice President, Human Resources 321 30<sup>th</sup> Street SE Cedar Rapids, Iowa 53403

> Mr. Corbett has knowledge of CRST's use of consumer reports to make employment decisions, CRST's purported disclosures to job applicants that a consumer report would be obtained for employment purposes.

Any individual identified in CRST's Rule 26 Initial Disclosures.

7. Identify all persons whom you contend have knowledge supporting the allegations embodied in Count Two of your Complaint, and for each person so identified, describe generally the substance of the knowledge you attribute to them.

Response: White identifies the following individuals in response to this interrogatory:

Bruce White 320 South Garnett Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128

> Mr. White has information regarding the facts alleged in his Complaint, including the contents of the application, contents of the consumer report at issue and inaccuracies contained therein, knowledge of what adverse action procedures and notices he received, and the effect that the inaccurate report had on his ability to obtain employment with CRST, Inc.

Lisa Benson White 320 South Garnett

#### Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128

 Mrs. White has information regarding the facts alleged in Mr. White's Complaint, including the contents of the application, contents of the consumer report at issue and inaccuracies contained therein, knowledge of what adverse action procedures and notices Mr. White received, and the effect that the inaccurate report had on Mr. White's ability to obtain employment with CRST, Inc.

CRST, Inc. Representatives 3930 16th Avenue SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

• CRST representatives have information regarding CRST's policies and procedures for taking adverse action in whole or in part upon information contained in consumer reports.

Brooke Willey Vice President, Human Resources CRST, Inc. 3930 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

> Ms. Willey has knowledge regarding CRST's policies and procedures for taking adverse action in whole or in part upon information contained in consumer reports.

Ron Corbett Mayor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa CRST Vice President, Human Resources 321 30<sup>th</sup> Street SE Cedar Rapids, Iowa 53403

> Mr. Corbett has knowledge regarding CRST's policies and procedures for taking adverse action in whole or in part upon information contained in consumer reports.

Brandi Northway Driver Recruiter 3930 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

> Ms. Northway has knowledge regarding CRST's policies and procedures for taking adverse action in whole or in part upon information contained in consumer reports.

Josh Birr Safety/Reference Supervisor 3930 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

> Mr. Birr has knowledge regarding CRST's policies and procedures for taking adverse action in whole or in part upon information contained in consumer reports and was involved in the notification of Mr. White of CRST's decision not to hire him.

Any individual identified in CRST's Rule 26 Initial Disclosures.

8. Identify all current or former CRST personnel with whom you communicated at any time from September 2009 through the present, either verbally, in writing, by email, or by any other means, on any matter relating your potential employment with CRST, and for each person so identified, state the substance of the communication.

Response: White communicated with Brandi Northway, CRST Driver Recruiter regarding the CRST orientation he was scheduled to attend in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

9. Identify all current or former HireRight personnel with whom you communicated at any time from September 2009 through the present, either verbally, in writing, by email, or by any other means, on any matter relating your potential employment with CRST, and for each person so identified, state the substance of the communication.

Response: White disputed the information provided in his report using HireRight's dispute paper form. On December 18, 2009, HireRight sent a correspondence to White advising him of the results of his dispute and enclosing a copy of his consumer report. That correspondence was signed by HireRight's "Consumer Consulting Department." White also spoke with Amber at HireRight, phone number 918-664-9991 ext 2223 regarding his dispute.

10. Identify all other persons with whom you communicated at any time from September, 2009 through the present, either verbally, in writing, by email, or by any other means, on any matter relating to your potential employment with CRST and for each person so identified, state the substance of the communication.

Response: White communicated with his spouse, Lisa Benson White and his attorneys at Stumphauzer, O'Toole, McLaughlin, McGlamery & Loughman Co., LPA.

11. Identify if you have applied for any jobs since January 1, 2006 to the present and for each job, please state the name of the employer, date of application, and whether you were hired.

Response: Objection. White seeks only statutory damages on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated based upon CRST's violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. White's 6-year job application history is overly broad and not likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence pertaining to neither White's claims nor CRST's defenses. Subject to the objection, White applied for the following jobs:

- Prime, Inc.
   P.O. Box 4208
   Springfield, Missouri 65808
   Application date: October 26, 2009
   Not hired
- Stevens Transport
   P.O. Box 279010
   Dallas, Texas 75227
   Application date: September 10, 2009
   Not hired
- TMC 6115 SW Leland Avenue DesMoines, Iowa 50321 Application date: December 14, 2009 Not hired

- TransAm
   15910 S. Hwighway 169
   Olathe, Kansas 66062
   Application date: September 10, 2009
   Not hired
- CRST, Inc.
   3930 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW
   Cedar Rapids, Iowas 52404
   Date of Application: September 10, 2009
   Not hired
- Celadon Trucking Services
   One Celadon Drive
   9503 E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street
   Indianapolis, Indiana 43235
   Date of Application: September 2011
   Not hired
- US Xpress
   4080 Jenkins Road
   Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421
   Date of Application: October 2011
   Hired
- Heartland Express Inc
   901 N Kansas Avenue
   North Liberty, Iowa 52317
   Date of Application: October 2011
   Not hired
- Swift Transportation
   2200 S. 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue
   Phoenix, Arizona 75043
   Date of Application: September 10, 2009
   Not hired
- Werner Enterprises

   14507 Frontier Road
   Omaha, Nebraska 68138
   Date of Application: September 10, 2009
   Not hired
- Wiltran Logistics LLC
   5510 South Lewis Avenue
   Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105

Date of Application: 2009
Hired

Covenant Transport
 Chattanooga, Tennessee
 Date of Application: February 2, 2010
 Not hired

12. Identify whether any employers have declined to hire you based upon the information contained in your criminal background report.

Response: White was declined employment by CRST in December 2009 based upon information contained in his criminal background report.

13. For any employer that has declined to hire you based upon the information in your criminal background report, please identify the name of the employer and the date you applied for the job.

<u>Response</u>: White was declined employment by CRST in December 2009 based upon information contained in his criminal background report. White's application to CRST was submitted on or about September 10, 2009.

14. Identify whether any employers have declined to hire you based upon your criminal record.

Response: White was declined employment by CRST in December 2009 based upon his criminal record.

15. For any employer that has declined to hire you based upon your criminal record, please identify the name of the employer and the date you applied for the job.

Response: White was declined employment by CRST in December 2009 based upon his

criminal record. White's application to CRST was submitted on or about September 10, 2009.

16. Identify, by name and address of employer, job title, dates of employment, immediate supervisor, and brief description of your job responsibilities, your employment history from high school graduation through the present.

Response: Objection. White seeks only statutory damages on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated based upon CRST's violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. White's entire employment history since high school is overly broad and not likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence pertaining to neither White's claims nor CRST's defenses. Subject to the objection, White held the following positions:

- United States Army
   December 1991 June 1999
   Sergeant (E-5)
  - White's primary responsibility was training soldiers in field operations
- Maxwell Supply 1719 N. Sheridan Tulsa, Oklahoma 74115 June 3, 2000 - December 2, 2000 Stocker and warehouse helper
  - White was responsible for loading and unloading trucks, assisting customers with orders, filling orders and packaging supplies, delivering stock, and operating a forklift.
- Tulsa Transit Lift program 1403 East 5<sup>th</sup> Court Tulsa, Oklahoma 74120 December 21, 2000 - November 7, 2003 Assistant Supervisor
  - White drove a bus, investigated accidents, and performed employee performance checks.

- Express Employment Professionals 500 West Main Suite 101A Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 2003 – 2009 Various temporary jobs
- Wiltran Logistics LLC 5510 South Lewis Avenue Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105 2009 – 2011 Truck Driver
- US Xpress
   4080 Jenkins Road
   Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421
   2011 present
   Truck Driver
- 17. In \$\\$26 of the Complaint, you allege: "White's claims are typical of the claims of the other Class Members as all Class Members were similarly affected by CRST's unlawful conduct in violation of the FCRA." Please identify all other "Class Members" with whom you have communicated regarding this lawsuit and its subject matter.

Response: Because the putative class members have not yet been specifically identified, it is impossible for White to know if he has communicated with other "Class Members." To his knowledge, White has not communicated with other "Class Members".

18. Identify with particularity all damages you are seeking to recover in your individual capacity in this lawsuit and the factual basis for those claimed damages.

Response: White is seeking on behalf of the putative class members, statutory damages of no less than \$100.00 and no more than \$1,000.00 per class member as well as punitive damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n for CRST's willful or reckless failure to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(2)(A)(i), 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(2)(A)(ii), 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3)(A)(i) and 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3)(A)(ii).

As to all objections:

Matthew A. Dooley

Dated: April 19th, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 19th day of April, 2012, a copy of the foregoing Plaintiff's Responses to CRST's First Set of Interrogatories was served upon the following by electronic mail:

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF Colorado	_)
COUNTY OF Jefferson	) SS )

Bruce White, being duly swom according to law, deposes and states that the answers to the foregoing interrogatories are true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Bruce White

SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, and subscribed in my presence this

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